

# **DEMOCRATIC AGENDA ADDRESSES NATION'S CALL FOR CHANGE**

In the coming weeks, President Obama and Congress will continue to build on our work of the last several months to address the economic crisis by creating jobs, making health care more affordable, and transitioning to a clean energy economy. Our committees are working hard and we will continue to bring important legislation to the House Floor.

## **~ DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO CONFRONT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS ~**

### **Budget Conference Report**

- A budget conference report that will put us on the path to economic recovery by:
  - Making targeted, strategic investments to create jobs and ensure economic prosperity over the long-term
  - Making the tough choices necessary to help reverse years of irresponsible Republican policies and put us back on a fiscally sustainable path.

### **Legislation to Address Financial Crisis**

- This week, the House Financial Services Committee will mark-up two pieces of legislation to strengthen oversight of our financial system and provide relief to millions of Americans. We expect to bring these bills to the Floor in the next few weeks:
  - Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009
  - Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act

## **~ DEMOCRATS DEVELOP PLAN TO REFORM NATION'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ~**

### **Comprehensive Health Care Reform**

- Democrats continue to work on comprehensive health care reform that contains costs, expands access to coverage, protects patient choice of providers, and improves the quality of care. This serves as a primary component of our efforts to get our nation back on the road to economic recovery, including:
  - Helping families by lowering their health care costs, increasing access to quality health care and preventative care, and ensures that when people lose their job, they don't lose access to health care coverage
  - Incentivizing a more cost efficient health care delivery system
  - Reducing the burden on businesses by slowing the growth of premiums for employers and allowing them to better compete in the global economy

### **Democrats Focused and Energized on Reform**

- The three committees of jurisdiction have conducted 10 hearings on health care reform, including two this week.
- Over the April District Work Period, Democrats held more than 150 health care related events in their districts on the need for reform.
- The goal is to pass a comprehensive health care bill through the House by August.

## **~ DEMOCRATS WORK ON CLEAN ENERGY LEGISLATION ~**

### **Comprehensive Energy Legislation**

- A part of our plan for long-term prosperity is a clean energy economy. Our comprehensive energy legislation will:
  - Create new 'clean energy' jobs for American workers
  - Reduce our dependence on foreign oil
  - Develop technologies that will help households and businesses lower their energy costs
- Congress will continue to work with the Administration on a comprehensive plan for a cleaner, more energy independent future.

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### **Energy and Commerce Committee Hearings**

- This week, the Energy and Commerce Committee is holding four major hearings on the discussion draft of 'The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.'
- Over the next few weeks, Chairmen Waxman and Markey will continue working with members of the committee to build broad consensus around comprehensive energy legislation and produce a bill by Memorial Day.